

Application no. 09/744,426
Amendment dated: August 14, 2006
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REMARKS

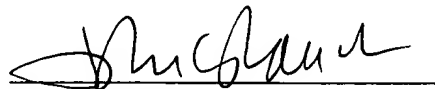
Upon entry of this amendment, claims 21-41, 44, 49 and 52 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The examiner has indicated that claims 21-41, 44, 49 and 52 define allowable subject matter. These claims stand objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Accordingly, claims 21, 30, 39 and 44 have been amended to place them in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The remaining claims, claims 1-20, 42, 43, 45-48, 50, 51 and 53-58, have been cancelled.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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